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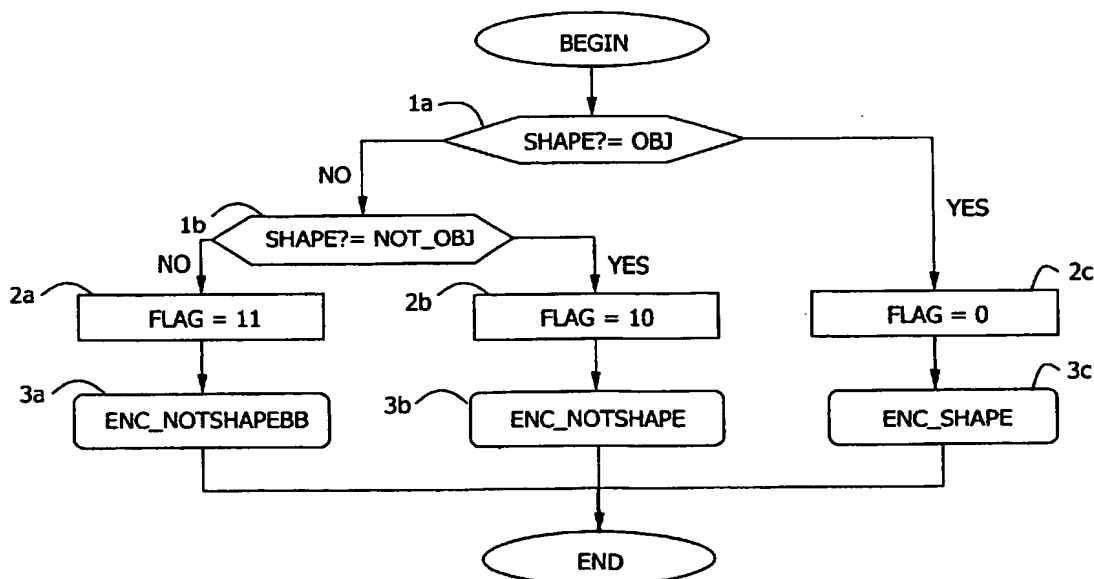
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method and an encoder for encoding a digital video signal, said digital video signal comprising some sets of objects (OBJ) with associated shapes. The invention is characterized in that it comprises the steps of:- Defining information (FLAG) for determining if the shape of an object (OBJ) is to be encoded, or its complement's one, and - As a function of this information (FLAG), encoding said shape or its complement. Use: encoder in a video communication system

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